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The Kosciuszko Foundry (Huta Kosciuszko) at Chorzow employed 7,000 workers in three shifts seven days a week. There were three blast furnaces, each with a capacity of 500 tons, as well as seven open hearth furnaces, each with a capacity of 50 tons. Other installations included a heavy rolling mill for material of up to 140 millimeters diameter, a medium rolling mill for rolling flats and angles, a small rolling mill for wire production, a rolling mill for rolling rails, curved rails, and base plates, a coking installation for production of coke and gas, a forge, a fitting shop, and a repair shop. The ore used was mostly of Soviet origin and low quality. The director was Szafranski.

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REPORT ON THE ~~WDA~~ ^{plants} KOSCIUSZKO ~~METALLURGICAL PLANT~~, CHORZOW.~~KAPOLICE~~

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The steel mill employed a total of some 7,000 workers. There were three blast furnaces, each with a capacity of 500 tons, as well as seven open hearth furnaces, each with a capacity of 50 tons.

The steel mill had the following installations:

A heavy rolling mill for rolling stock of up to 140 millimeters diameter.

One medium rolling mill for rolling flats and angles.

One small rolling mill for wire production.

The plant also had a rolling mill for rolling rails, curved rails, and base plates.

The plant had its own coking facility for production of coke and gas.

There was also a forge, a fitting shop and a repair shop.

In 1952, ~~19~~ 1953, and 1954, the blast furnaces were expanded. The remodeling work was done by German and Czechoslovak enterprises.

The medium rolling ~~was~~ mill was built in 1950 by a German

firm. The machines in it stem partially from Germany

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In 1953, two of the seven open hearth furnaces were expanded from capacities of 50 tons each to capacities of 100 tons.

The ore used at the metallurgical plant is mostly of Russian origin.

The Russian ore is of low quality.

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It frequently happens that once or twice each week the entire plant is at a standstill for a period of two to three hours because of the

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shortage of material. This situation is caused by the shortage of raw material as well as by the fact that a year ago a modern steel mill was erected at Bobrek near Gliwice, which receives priority shipments of raw materials. It is further reported that shortages of foreign exchange interfere with raw material procurement.

[redacted] rails are allegedly exported to [redacted] 25X1
Bulgaria, Russia, Yugoslavia [redacted] and China. 25X1

The plant worked three shifts including ~~the~~ Sundays. White collar workers at the plant were free from 1400 hours on Saturday until 0700 hours on Monday mornings.

The following ^{amounts} ~~amounts~~ of annual leave were allocated:

For persons with up to two years of service, 12 days a year;

For persons with from two to five years of service, 15 days a year;

For persons with service in excess of five years, 30 days each year.

[redacted] The following deductions 25X1
were made [redacted] for income tax [redacted] for death 25X1
taxes [redacted] for aid to Hungary. During the Korean war, the
workers were expected to donate an additional 10 zloty each month.

Personalities

Szafranski, (fnu)- *Director*

[redacted] 25X1

GRZYBOWSKI, (fnu)

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Engineers and technicians were trained from the ranks of the workers in evening ~~school~~ courses.

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Each department had a ~~pl~~ political secretary responsible for maintaining surveillance over the workers and employees of his particular department. In the heavy rolling mill the political secretary was B BLOCH (fnu)

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Police matters

The headquarters of the city militia in Chorzow is located ~~in~~ on Chorzow Batow^A street. The criminal police conducts its duty in civilian clothes and is located on the same street but in another building apart from the city headquarters.

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Military affairs

Outside the city of Chorzow there is a military barracks housing an infantry unit and a anti-tank unit.

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Both units are motorized. The barracks was built in 1937. The vehicles used by the units are of Polish origin and ~~designa~~ are of the "Lubin" type. The military also uses Russian trucks.

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Party matters

The city committee of the Polish Workers Party is located in Chorzow on Dworzowa street.

The deputy mayor, MARON (fnu) is an official of the city committee,

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The following persons are members of the Wojwodstwo Committee in Kattowice^{ce}.

OLSZEWSKI, (fnu)

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LAMOSGA, (fnu)

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